

Agreed To:

The Markey amendment that reduces the authorization for the Department of Energy tritium production activities from \$100 million to \$50 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 381); and

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The Spence en bloc amendment that expresses the sense of Congress concerning unilateral implementation of the Start II Treaty; authorizes an additional \$9 million for a superconducting radio frequency free election laser program; authorizes \$28 million for the advanced submarine combat systems development program; authorizes an additional \$10 million to establish a joint targeting support system testbed; establishes new procedures whereby there is placed an increased reliance on private sector services for the Department of Defense; authorizes expansion of the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System; improves combat readiness of the National Guard and Reserves; expresses the sense of Congress that the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan should not be terminated; implements uniform cost sharing requirements for Uniformed Services Treatment Facilities; establishes cost reimbursement rules for indirect costs attributable to private sector work of defense contractors; prohibits the consolidation of the Aviation Technical Test Center with any other aviation testing facility until 60 days after a report submitted to the Congress and evaluated; reinstates certain applications of the Buy America Act; expresses the sense of the Congress regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention; establishes an accelerated schedule for environmental management activities; and modifies the existing land conveyance agreement of the Hamilton Air Force Base (agreed to by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 383).

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Rejected the DeLauro amendment that sought to eliminate provisions that prohibit privately funded abortions at overseas Department of Defense medical facilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 382).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and to make such other technical, clerical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5985–86, H5997–98, H6007–08, H6015–16, H6020–21, and H6021. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL—RICE, WHEAT AND OILSEED TITLES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities continued hearings on the Farm Bill—Rice, Wheat, and Oilseed Titles. Testimony was heard from Representative Lincoln; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriation bills for fiscal year 1996: Legislative; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995.

SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on the reauthorization of the Superfund program. Testimony was heard from Senator Inhofe; Representatives Regula and Visclosky; Tim Fields, Administrator, EPA; Becky Norton Dunloop, Secretary of Natural Resources, State of Virginia; Nick DiPasquale, Division Director for Air and Waste Management, Department of Natural Resources, State of Delaware; Jim Strock, Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; Cindy Hafner, Supervising Attorney, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Ohio; Gail Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 20.

TRANSFORMATION OF MEDICAID PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment continued hearings on the Transformation of the Medicaid program. Testimony was heard from Kwai-Cheung-Chan, Director, Division of Program, Evaluation and Methodology, GAO; David Satcher, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Elin Gursky, M.D., Senior Assistant Commissioner of Health, Department of Health,

State of New Jersey; David R. Smith, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

ECONOMICALLY TARGETED INVESTMENTS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 1594, to place restrictions on the promotion by the Department of Labor and other Federal agencies and instrumentalities of economically targeted investments in connection with employee benefit plans. Testimony was heard from Representative Saxton; Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OPM OVERSIGHT: CONTRACTING FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on OPM Oversight: Contracting Federal Investigations. Testimony was heard from James B. King, Director, OPM; G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, OMB; Timothy P. Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Human Resources Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on Anti-Fraud and Abuse Enforcement in Medicare/Medicaid programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; Gerald Stern, Special Counsel, Financial Institution Fraud, Department of Justice; Jonathan Ratner, Assistance Director, Health Financial Issues, GAO; Rufus Noble, Inspector General, Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida; and a public witness.

COMPREHENSIVE ANTITERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 1710, Comprehensive Antiterrorism Act of 1995. Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued oversight hearings on the reauthorization of Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from Representative Taylor of North Carolina; and public witnesses. Hearings continue June 22.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on partial-birth abortions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the NOAA's Ocean and Coastal Programs. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1823, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1965. Testimony was heard from Representative Hansen; and Roger Patterson, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on possible transfer of Reclamation facilities out of Federal Control. Testimony was heard from Representative Laughlin; Roger Patterson, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ABOLISH CONSENT CALENDAR— ESTABLISH CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by a record vote of 9 to 4, a new privileged resolution consisting of the text of H. Res. 161, as amended by the Committee, amending clause 4 of House Rule XIII, by abolishing the Consent Calendar and establishing a new Corrections Calendar. H. Res. 161 was laid upon the table.

LINE-ITEM VETO

Committee on Rules: Pursuant to clause 1 of House Rule XX, the Committee, by a voice vote, adopted a motion authorizing the Chairman to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on S. 4, relating to the line-item veto (or a similar House bill).

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations) of rule XXI against provision of the bill.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that the spending and credit allocations to the Committee on Appropriations contained in the House passed budget resolution shall apply for Budget Act enforcement purposes until final adoption of a budget resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Vucanovich, Hefner, Brewster, and Harman.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION ACT; ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action the following measures: the National Institute of Standards and Technology Industrial Services Authorization Act of 1995; and the Advanced Technology Administration Act of 1995.

OSHA'S FALL PROTECTION STANDARD

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork held a hearing on OSHA's Fall Protection Standard. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary and Director, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 395, to designate the U.S. courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, NV, as the "Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building;" H.R. 840, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 215 South Evans Street in Greenville, NC,

as the "Walter B. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 869, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 125 Market Street in Youngstown, OH, as the "Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse;" H.R. 965, to designate the Federal building located at 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Place in Louisville, KY, as the "Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building;" H.R. 255, to designate the Federal Justice Building in Miami, FL, as the "James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building;" H.R. 1804, to designate the U.S. Post Office-Courthouse located at South 6th and Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR, as the "Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building;" H.R. 309, Hopewell Township Investment Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Vucanovich, Hastings of Florida, Traficant, Hutchinson and Klink.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1384, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt certain full-time health-care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs from restriction on remunerated outside professional activities; H.R. 1536, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend for 2 years an expiring authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to determination of locality salaries for certain nurse anesthetist positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1565, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend through December 31, 1997, the period during which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to provide priority health care to certain veterans exposed to Agent Orange, ionizing radiation or environmental hazards.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing on the Earned Income Tax Credit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Petri and Hutchinson; from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Leslie B. Samuels, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy; and Margaret Milner Richardson, Commission, IRS; Joseph A. Antolin, Deputy Director, Department of Public Aid, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.